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EDUCATION CHANNEL
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to commence education channel for making primary and higher education available on T.V. for the rural children;

(b) if so, the details of scheme prepared by the Government in this regard;

(c) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the similar scheme launched by private channels in all the States with the cooperation of non-Governmental organizations and industries; and

(d) if so, the reaction of the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF STATE OF TH MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY)

(a) to (d) : Prasar Bharati, in collaboration with the Ministry of Human Resource Development and IGNOU has launched an educational channel namely `Gyandarshan` from 26th January, 2000. The channel is designed to be a blend of core-curriculum based programme in the areas of primary, secondary, higher, open and distance education inclusive of technical and vocational education. Different segments of population, including those residing in far flung remote areas, the physically challenged and socio- economically disadvantaged are intended to be benefited by the programmes telecast on this channel. At present programmes are being telecast on this channel for approximately 17 hours daily.